REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: 0785r.jpg

Other Known Title: Not Stated

Medium: Computer Image File

Director/Author: Not Applicable

Producer/Publisher: Not Applicable

Country of Origin: Not Stated

Language: English

Applicant: Secretary for Internal Affairs

Distributor: Not Applicable

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive Note: Not Applicable

Display Conditions: Not Applicable

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Excisions: Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The computer image file *0785 r.jpg* is classified as: Objectionable.

The publication depicts a young person naked in a manner that is clearly intended to be sexual, and intended to be sexually arousing to persons with a sexual interest in young persons. The publication encourages the viewer to see young persons as sexually desirable and readily available for sexual purposes. The file format makes the image suitable for wide distribution and trading among like-minded individuals. The effect of such material is to validate a sexual interest in children and young persons and to encourage their sexual exploitation. Therefore the publication promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. This outcome is consistent, however, with Parliament's intention in the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes.